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ARMY OF THE TENNESSEE.

Extract from Minutes of the Proceedings of the Society of the Army of the Tennessee at Cincinnati, September 16 and 17, 1895.

THE PRESIDENT:— I wish to call the attention of the Society to a matter that came to my attention in Washington. General Henderson gives me credit for doing much there. You all know very well who did the work. It was he. I discovered, whilst there, that there had not been any arrangements or any movement for building a statue to General Grant, and in my efforts I undertook, whilst we were building one to Sherman, to prepare a way for one to General Grant. I do not expect ever again to go out into the world to beg money for a statue for any soldier, for after one has had the experience that I have had in the last year, he will never try it over again. It is the duty of the Government to do this work, especially in Washington, and I was assured there that they would be willing to take up this work, but they seemed to think that there must be some head, and that the proper head for the duty was the Army of the Tennessee. I want to suggest to this Society that they formulate some resolution, by which we can go before Congress, and go to our friends in Congress — for we have many, several of whom are members of this Society, and we have them on both sides of the house there and in the administration — and ask for this, and I believe we will receive it. They have a project in Washington of building a bridge across the Potomac up near Georgetown, to connect with

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Arlington, at the location of the old Aqueduct bridge, which is to be a very fine structure, and to place upon it a statue of Grant, or something of that character, calling it the Grant Memorial Bridge. I said to the committees that we were not particular what they built in Washington for Grant, only that they should build something, and they seemed to feel and appreciate that. It was the intention of the committee to place statues of Sherman and Grant in the two squares east of the Capitol. The Secretary of War recommended that. The committee decided upon it. But when we got before Congress, they held that Capitol grounds are sacred, and they do not allow any statues in it, and they put a provision there that we should put none in those two squares. Therefore we have to select other squares in Washington, but they are plentiful. I think we should move now upon Congress as a Society, and ask that either they make an appropriation for a memorial bridge, or for a statue, whichever is thought best. I leave it to the Society to suggest what shall be done.

Captain Tuthill: — Mr. Chairman, the suggestion of the Chairman with regard to the monument to General Grant seems to me most pertinent and important, and it seems to me it should be acted upon at once. Therefore, as what is everybody's business is nobody's business, as the Chairman has suggested that the Society take some action to consider the matter, it seems to me it would be well to have the Chairman appoint a committee of say three to report a proper resolution, to inaugurate this movement. And I therefore move that the Chair appoint a committee of three to prepare a suitable resolution to be introduced tomorrow morning, at the business meeting; and I also move that the President of the Society be chairman of that committee.

The motion prevailed.

The President: — I will name as that committee, Captain Tuthill, General Howard and Colonel Henderson.

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The President: — We will now listen to the reports of Committees.

Captain Tuthill: — I have a report that I will ask the Secretary to read.

The Secretary read the report as follows:

Your Committee appointed yesterday by the Society of the Army of the Tennessee to submit a resolution for the consideration of the Society in respect to the erection of a statue at Washington, D. C., to the memory of General U. S. Grant, respectfully recommend the following:

Resolved, That it is the desire and judgment of this Society that the general Government should erect a suitable statue at Washington, D. C., to the memory of General Grant, to commemorate his great service to his country as a soldier and commander, and the President of this Society shall designate a committee of nine to bring this matter to the attention of Congress, and the President of this Society shall be chairman of said committee.

R. S. Tuthill,
D. B. Henderson,
Oliver O. Howard, .
Committee.

On motion, the report was adopted.

The President: — I will take time to designate this committee, and endeavor to obtain one that will do us the most good, and will announce the names hereafter.

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NEW YORK, *October 16th, 1895.*

COLONEL C. CADLE,
Recording Secretary,
Box 35, Cincinnati, O.

MY DEAR CADLE:—I have made up a Committee for the Grant Memorial, as follows:

G. M. DODGE, *Chairman,*
General O. O. HOWARD,
Captain R. S. TUTHILL,
Colonel W. F. VILAS,
Colonel D. B. HENDERSON,
Colonel W. P. HEPBURN,
Captain J. A. T. HULL,
Honorable HUGH R. BELKNAP,
General J. A. WILLIAMSON,
General J. C. BRECKINRIDGE.

Will you please notify them and ask for an acknowledgement and acceptance, and as soon as you receive the same, advise me so that I can get the Committee together about the first of next January, when I go to Washington to look after the Sherman Statue matter.

Yours truly,

(Signed) G. M. DODGE.

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